COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS TO KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY NEW ENGLAND

D.T.E. 05-8

Respondent: Theodore Poe, Jr.

Information Request DTE 1-3

- Q. Please refer to page 9 of the Company's prefiled testimony. Specify the actions that the Company has taken or plans to take to address the apparent need for additional resources to meet customer requirements in 2005 and beyond. Does the Company anticipate satisfying the need for an additional 121,000 MMBtu of peak day deliverability through future arrangements with DOMAC?
- A. The Company was recently awarded 100,000 MMBtu/day of incremental interstate pipeline capacity on the Tennessee system pursuant to the Tennessee Northeast ConneXion project New England. Tennessee and KeySpan subsequently entered into a precedent and negotiated rate agreement, which was filed with the DTE for approval on April 29, 2005.

The ConneXion volumes are expected to be available as of November 2007. The Company is currently evaluating its options for meeting the forecasted incremental need for 2005/06 and 2006/07 (9,000 MMBtu/day in 2005/06 and 48,000 MMBtu/day in 2006/07) and it plans to have the necessary capacity in place. For additional volumes that the Company currently forecasts will be required in excess of the ConneXion volumes beginning in the 2008/09 winter, the Company will continue to monitor all available options as well as its actual load growth prior to making a resource commitment.